

rules. There are instances where court actions will go from beginning to end and cover a period of years. Then some old judge will sit up there and say, I know this defendant is as guilty as sin. The defendant has even confessed to the crime. Nevertheless, procedures guaranteed by the Constitution were violated and I have to send this case back for another trial. And I just saw a program about an issue like that, on "60 Minutes" Sunday and people are trying to impeach two federal judges who were a part of that decision. So, momentarily being distressed as the Legislature is now has caused it to do something that was totally unnecessary. You had the votes...I was going to run out of time eventually, you had enough time to read the bill, but instead of that you've given me something better than all of my amendments. You have allowed me to whip you so much more than I thought I could. I was going to try to put you in a position so that I could say I did from the inside what Mike Harper did from the outside. I've done more to you than Mike Harper did. I own you more than Mike Harper owns you because he dare not show his face around here, he dare not debate this issue on television with certain members of the Legislature, but I debate what I'm doing with anybody, and I come here to the Legislature day after day, never cut and run. And, in fact, I do own the Legislature and that last vote proved it. Now, if that vote was necessary for you all to hold your offices, I could understand the panic, the fear, the weakness that would lead it to be cast, but when such is not the case and I can see even the Speaker so beaten down that when Senator Schmit said, this that I'm doing is not a slam at the Chair, he is nodding, right, that's right, it's all right. Then I know that I have won, and, Senator Schmit, I wasn't going to accept what you said earlier this morning about me being the king of the Legislature. I'm a humble person. I don't want to be referred to as your highness or your majesty, but now that you have elevated me against my will and against my wishes, what more can I do than look down from my lofty perch and feel a certain sense of superiority. It is not of my choosing. It is not my desire. I want to walk on the earth like the rest of you all, but you won't let me. You've made me into something I choose not to be and I am, Senator Johnson, but a mere mortal. I have ego. I have feelings. You all have stroked my ego. You have puffed up my ego. You've made me feel that I am more than what I wanted to feel like I am. I wanted to be only a member of the Legislature. They used to say and we would read it in the newspapers, we are a body of equals. No longer is that the case. I don't think there is anybody, even Terry Carpenter while I was here, who made the Legislature roll over as it did